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2. The declaration or oath was missing when the above-identified patent application was filed on December 31, 1997. Enclosed is the original Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
3. Fee Payment. Please charge Deposit Account No. 07-2347 in the amount of \$130.00 for the surcharge for late filing of the original Declaration. This is a *request to charge for any additional fee(s) required*. A *duplicate copy of this communication is attached*.

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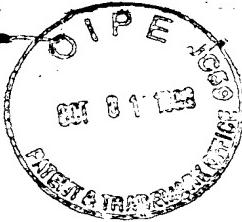
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION
Filing Date Granted

An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file all required items and pay fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the SURCHARGE set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

If all required items on this form are filed within the period set above, the total amount owed by applicant as a small entity (statement filed) non-small entity is \$ 130.

1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

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Applicant must submit \$ _____ to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).

2. Additional claim fees of \$ _____, including any multiple dependent claim fees, are required.

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Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

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 does not identify the application to which it applies.
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An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

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6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

8. The application does not comply with the Sequence Rules.

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9. OTHER: _____

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